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HIGH COMMISSIONER WARNS JEWS AND ARABS

Strikers Go Back To Work

Schuman Broadcasts
To People

Paris, December 10.—Most of France's 1,000,000 strikers resumed work today after an absence of three weeks, but the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour announced at midday that it would continue to fight for the "release of imprisoned strikers," and the abrogation of the Government's anti-strike law.

The Confederation yesterday ordered the strikers back to work after the Government's warning of stern measures if there is not a big scale return today.

In a communique today, the Confederation announced that it might postpone its national congress from December 10 until the Government wage proposals—accepted last night—became effective.

The return of strikers in the port of Marseilles was not complete although some began work for the first time for 28 days and, sailors rejoined their ships. It was hoped that omnibus and tramcar services would be running normally by this evening.

Miners in the Lille area were opposed by strikers, who still wanted to stay out and pickets prevented those who wanted to return to work from entering the pits at Sallaumines.

Paris housewives had enough gas pressure for cooking, water pressure was back and work to clear the boulevards and streets of heaps of rubbish was started.—Reuter.

COUNTRY BREATHES AGAIN

Paris, December 10.—The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told the French people in a broadcast tonight: "The last strikes were drawing to a close today. Work starts again. The country breathes once more."

The only victory of which the Government hoped one day to be proud, M. Schuman continued: "is the victory over misery, injustice and exploitation of distress."

It had been said that "strikes do not pay." We observe today that strikes are expensive, very expensive, for the nation. More than 2,000,000 tons of coal, more than 400,000 tons of cast steel and the entire stoppage of unloading of supplies from ships—these among many other losses have been inflicted on the country by three weeks of strikes.

"The Government has shown firmness on the side of employment and will join with workers in their unrelenting fight against food saboteurs," M. Schuman said.

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Severe Security Measures If Strife Does Not Cease

18 ARABS ESCAPE FROM ACRE PRISON

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Faced with the difficult task of maintaining law and order in Palestine with a diminishing British garrison, Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, announced today the adoption of "severe measures" if the present inter-racial strife continued.

The warning was issued almost simultaneously with reports that nine Jews and at least six Arabs had been killed in renewed fighting in Palestine today.

The threatened British measures would, according to informed quarters here, include rigorous application of defence emergency laws, including the death penalty for carrying, or using, fire arms, possible countrywide restrictions for road traffic and imposition of curfews in strife-torn areas.

End Of The World Before 2,000 AD

Indian's Prophecy

Adelaide, Dec. 10.—Before the year 2,000 AD, there will be "another comet, the most destructive of all wars and the end of the world," according to Mr. Ahmar Gals Singh, an Indian claiming to be 114 years old, who has been described by Mr. George Dowdell, the Australian Government astronomer, as a "great and mysterious man with a marvellous ability to foretell future events."

Mr. Dowdell confirmed today that a fortnight ago, Mr. Singh had predicted the appearance of the new comet seen flashing across the Southern heavens during the last few days.

Mr. Singh made another prophecy today that "seven sun spots—the centre one colossal—will be visible in this area two minutes after midnight on Christmas Day."

"The people in England laughed when I predicted in 1892 that a great comet would appear in six months. I had predicted suicide when the great comet came," Mr. Singh declared.

Mr. Singh said that "supernatural influences" had brought him from Melbourne weeks ago.

The comet of 1892 was unusually bright, and was clearly seen by daylight. Calculations made at the time determined that it would appear about every 700 years.—Reuter.

Sir Alan Cunningham called on Arabs and Jewish leaders to co-operate.

The High Commissioner's communique stated that the British Government had made it clear that so long as the mandate for Palestine remained in force, the Palestine Administration would discharge its duty of maintaining law and order in the Holy Land.

In nine days of Arab-Jewish strife there had been a grievous loss of life, extensive damage to property.

Warning that disorders must cease "before further suffering and loss," Sir Alan called on Arabs and Jews to co-operate.

If the disorders continued, he would have no option but to direct the security forces to adopt severe measures against all those, Jews and Arabs alike, who were breaking the law.

AGA KHAN'S OFFER

Meanwhile, the Emir Ismail Sulaiman, head of the Ismailite section in Syria, has informed the Syrian Government that the Aga Khan, supreme head of Ismailism, had declared that he would contribute £30,000,000 for the "redemption" of Palestine, the Damascus correspondent of the Near East Arab broadcasting station said tonight.

If the United Nations did not deviate from its present decision to partition Palestine, the Aga Khan, according to the Emir Ismail as quoted by the correspondent, said: "He would buy all Palestine and give it back to the Arabs."

Under a rain of shots from the sentry 18 Arab prisoners climbed over the eastern wall of Acre prison in north Palestine today and escaped, it was officially stated.

Arabs from Acre town fired on the prison wall to help those escaping, reports said.

It was later learned that the Arabs escaped by sawing through the bars of their cells, tying up a warden and descending into the Arab market below the prison wall by means of smuggled rope.

Eighty Jewish prisoners were tonight taken from Acre to Jerusalem.

DISPATCH RIDER KILLED

A British dispatch rider was killed and another was wounded by shots fired in Haifa today. It was also reported that a Spanish priest was shot and wounded in the stomach by an unknown gunman while standing on the roof of the Salesian school in Haifa.

With almost complete stoppage of road traffic between Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, trunk calls between the two cities have risen almost hundred per cent, with delays of upwards of three hours on urgent calls.

The Jaffa telephone exchange is working at less than 50 per cent of its normal strength, 150 Jewish telephone operators staying away from work because they fear Arab attacks.

An unofficial truce was reported to be in effect on the mixed border districts between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv tonight and no incidents had so far been reported. A few British armoured cars patrolled the Jerusalem-Jaffa road.

In Calne, the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, and Sheikh Yussef Yassin, Saudi Arabian representative to the Arab League talks, held a long secret meeting during the night.

The meeting began at midnight and lasted five hours. No indication has been given of the subjects covered.—Reuter.

ADEN CASUALTIES

London, Dec. 10.—The latest known casualties resulting from the five days' anti-Jewish rioting at the Red Sea port of Aden, which followed the United Nations decision to

partition Palestine, are 75 Jews, 34 Arabs and two Indians killed.

Giving these figures in Parliament today, Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary for Colonies, said that some hundreds of Jews and Arabs were wounded. Full details of property destroyed by fire, or otherwise, had not yet been received.

The Governor reports that the situation has been generally calm since last Saturday and all necessary measures are being taken to protect all communities," he added.

Mr. Rees Williams said that the police, despite the use of tear gas and rifle fire, were unable to prevent looting and burning of Jewish shops, and military aid was called for.

Three British destroyers landed marines and two companies of infantry were sent to Aden by air.

Over 900 Jews were evacuated to camps under British protection and over 100 Arabs were arrested.—Reuter.

Plane Crashes In Labrador

Westover, Field, Massachusetts, Dec. 10.—A solitary figure waving his arm from the centre of the wreckage of the United States Army Skymaster transport plane which crashed in the frozen wastes of Labrador at midnight was spotted today by a small reconnaissance plane.

This news was flashed through to the Army Transport Command here tonight.

An Army spokesman said that "whether he is one of the survivors or a member of a ground rescue crew sent out from Goose Bay is unknown."

An earlier report said that a United States Air Force reconnaissance plane had sighted a "scattered burning wreckage" in an inaccessible area north of Goose Bay, Newfoundland.

Although first reports said that there were "signs of survivors," this was later amended to "no known survivors" when that report was received.

Three ground search parties set out at daybreak from St. John's, Newfoundland, through rugged countryside, a Reuter dispatch from St. John's reported, adding that 29 passengers and crew were on board the crashed plane.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS HOUSES

Ankara, Dec. 10.—A violent earthquake last night shook an area of eastern Anatolia, wrecking many houses and about 200 stables. The East Anatolian area affected extended from southern Erzurum to Kars, near the Turkish-Russian border.

No loss of human life has been reported, but many thousands of panic-stricken people camped in the open and about 800 lost their homes.

The Hassan Kule and Karakussah districts suffered particularly badly. A Reuter message from Nicosia, Cyprus, said that tremors lasting about half a minute, shook the island early today, but no damage was reported.—Reuter.

Confidence Vote For Belgian Govt.

Brussels, Dec. 10.—The Belgian Government received a vote of confidence by 152 against 32 votes in the Chamber of Deputies today after a stormy session during its debate on King Leopold, now in exile in Switzerland.—Reuter.

Siamese Twins Gain Weight

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Siamese twins born joined together at the tops of their skulls were gaining weight on the usual milk diet of babies.

It was announced today they had gained a total of five ounces since their birth 11 days ago, bringing their combined weight to eight pounds and nine ounces. Their progress in growth and health was about normal for babies born one month prematurely.

Brain specialists abandoned plans for a delicate operation to separate the bone which connects them at the top of the skulls. They said there was virtually no hope that the twins could survive the operation because apparently they have a common brain tissue.

The specialists said the joint was not flexible and theoretically the only way they could ever walk would be with one supported upside down on the head of the other.—United Press.

Soviet Repat Commission Expelled

Paris, Dec. 10.—A 12-man Soviet repatriation commission, including three colonels, expelled from France for alleged "subversive activities" caught the Paris-Orient express for the border last night, in the glare of photographers' flashlights.

Earlier, the Soviet Government had broken off trade negotiations by which the French had hoped to obtain 300,000 tons of wheat in exchange for commercial products.

These developments, making a sudden worsening in Soviet-French relations, were a sequel to French action six weeks ago in closing the Soviet repatriation camp near Paris and the subsequent arrest and expulsion of 19 Soviet citizens for activities "prejudicial to French national interests." The arrest of a twelfth was disclosed today.

In usually well-informed French circles the possibility of the breaking-off of diplomatic relations was considered quite unfounded, although there was some speculation about Soviet intentions.

Colonel Alexandrovitch Nicholai Filatov, head of the expelled mission, waved nonchalantly to a small group of embassy officials and embassy women when the train left the Gare de Laest station for Strasbourg.

A few hours earlier he had been identified by a French Foreign Office spokesman as one of the members of the mission who had been engaged in "subversive activities."—Reuter.

DENOUNCES HIS GOVT.

Moscow, Dec. 10.—Raymond Marquie, chief of the French Repatriation Mission ordered by the Soviet Government to leave Russia, today denounced his own Government for "falsely" accusing Russian officers of subversive activities in France.

M. Marquie, who fought with Polish and Ukrainian partisans during the war, said the French charges against the Soviet repatriation mission in Paris "echoed" charges made last summer by a Socialist magazine in the United States. He did not name the magazine.

M. Marquie told a press conference "none" of the allegations in the French notes to Russia "can be charged against the Government or authorities of the Soviet Government or can be supported by any

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Marshall Talks Bluntly

No Reparations From Current Production

DEMANDS INFORMATION

London, Dec. 10.—Secretary of State George Marshall declared on Wednesday night that the Soviet Union was taking US\$500,000,000 annually in German assets out of the Russian occupied zone and demanded that such withdrawals cease within three weeks.

Launching his first offensive in the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall made a bid for a showdown on the issue of reparations which may make or break the present conference within a matter of days. In reference to the Soviet demand for US\$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany out of current production, Marshall said: "I wish it to be clearly understood that the United States is not prepared to agree to any programme of reparations from current production as a price for the unification of Germany."

He said that while the United States and Britain are pouring US\$700,000,000 annually into Germany "to keep the Germans alive," the Russians in their zone were steadily draining away German assets. He added: "Also in that area German businesses, through one device or another, are being brought under Soviet ownership and placed in a gigantic Soviet trust."

"Thus, in effect, much of the German economy operates for the Soviet account. Also much German manpower is being taken out of productive effort, either through forcible seizure or under the colours of contracts which are imposed. This is the situation which needs to be corrected at once. Correction cannot be delayed for a decision at some indefinite future time. Before then, German economy most probably would be so wrecked that its dead weight would drag down and submerge the economy of all Europe."

He then submitted a request to the Council to rule that from next January 1 "nothing shall be taken out of Germany except for a fair economic value in money or goods which can be immediately used to sustain the German economy."

"This decision shall stand until further action by the Council, or pursuant to a peace treaty, but shall not apply to agreed reparations deliveries in capital goods."

Conference sources said Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov said he would answer Marshall's charges when "reparations" come up on the agenda, possibly on Thursday. There were strong indications the American position is that unless the Soviet Union drops its reparations claims from current production and "firm" agreements are achieved on economic principles, there is little use in going on with the present meeting.

Mr. Molotov conceded that the Soviet view on reparations differed from the Western view and said, according to conference sources, "As for the considerations just stated by the United States delegation, they are unfounded and the Soviet delegation will prove them unfounded when the question of reparations from current production comes under discussion."

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Some additional developments of the session, according to official observers were:

Mr. Marshall proposed that the four powers institute currency reform in Germany by next March, according to conference sources. "As for the considerations just stated by the United States delegation, they are unfounded and the Soviet delegation will prove them unfounded when the question of reparations from current production comes under discussion."

Mr. Molotov replied that the procedure for the Allied Control Council in Berlin did not provide for making such information available, and when it did so he would supply the information.—Associated Press.

ACCIDENT HOLDS UP TRAMS

Fourteen east-bound trams were held up for about ten minutes this morning when, shortly before 10 o'clock, a Chinese pedestrian was knocked down at the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road outside the Post Office. The man, who suffered head injuries, was removed to Hospital.

EDITORIAL

Government Controls

SIR Victor Sassoon expressed some lively and forceful criticisms of governmental controls to the Rotary Club on Tuesday—some well founded, and some superficial. Most pertinent point made by Sir Victor concerned the maladministration of controls and the stupidity of bureaucratic officials. Here he put his finger on the prime weakness of government supervision of established freedom of trading and individual liberty. The principle of controls in any time of national emergency (such as now) requires no defending, for its purposes are equal distribution of limited resources and commodities, most effective use of manpower for production of essentials, and protection of the nation from calamitous inflation. Controls, if operated efficiently should, in a large measure, produce such results, and when they do they are justified. It is the bungling bureaucrats, devoid of imagination, incompetent, and lacking a properly developed sense of responsibility who bring ridicule and contempt on a system designed to do the most good for the most people. It is to these maladministrators, and not the conception of official controls to which criticism should be directed; moreover, it should be insisted that the incompetents be re-

placed. It is natural for traders, irked by restrictions, to urge their abolition, but the danger of swift removal of controls is considerable, as exemplified in the United States where prices have skyrocketed since war-time "ceilings" were abolished, with consequent demands for higher incomes—the old inflation spiral. Controls may not make private business particularly happy, but if fairly applied they help to maintain an economic equilibrium and perform a public service. Hongkong, as Mr. Cassidy admitted at the Rotary Clubiffin, has been fortunate in the type of people who have administered controls during the past 28 months, and so far as the community is concerned, it has cause to feel grateful to them. Without controls on essential commodities and services the Colony could never have recovered so rapidly, nor could the general public have been anything like so contented. Good sense has guided the imposition and operation of government controls in Hongkong, with complementary results, and while it is regrettable that world-wide economic circumstances make continuance of restrictions necessary, so long as these are administered in the future with the same broad commonsense as in the past, the community will have little to complain about.

Krupps Sold Plans For Submarine Construction To Japan In 1920

Nuremberg, Dec. 10.—Plans for submarine construction were sold to Japan by the Krupp armaments combine as early as 1920, two years after the first world war, it was disclosed here today to the American War Crimes Court which is hearing charges of aggression, plunder and slavery against 12 former high officials of the giant firm.

The construction of submarines in Japan on these plans was supervised by engineers from the Germania and Vulkan shipyards, both belonging to Krupp.

It was stated that with the approval of the German Admiralty the

submarine construction bureau was founded, disguised as a Dutch firm with its seat at Hague so that practical experience of submarines with foreign navies could be obtained.

At the end of 1923 the German Navy was working with various foreign navies on experiments with electrically driven torpedoes—experiments which Germany had to abandon in 1918.

The German firms succeeded in 1927 in co-operating with the Swedish Navy on experiments of this nature with the tacit support of the German Admiralty, according to evidence.

In spite of the limitations placed upon rebuilding by the Versailles Treaty, the preparations had advanced so well that three and a half months Hitler denounced the disarmament clauses of the Treaty in 1935, no fewer than 12 submarines were in service with fully trained crews.

At the meeting to co-ordinate factory experience in 1940, the Krupp representative said: "It should not be forgotten that Krupp after the world war could keep its factories going only with great difficulty including the using up of our reserves and the Krupp family sacrificing all dividends."

The representative said that these developments cost the concern 300,000,000 marks and consequently Krupp were short by this amount of money required to carry out further extensions.—Reuter.

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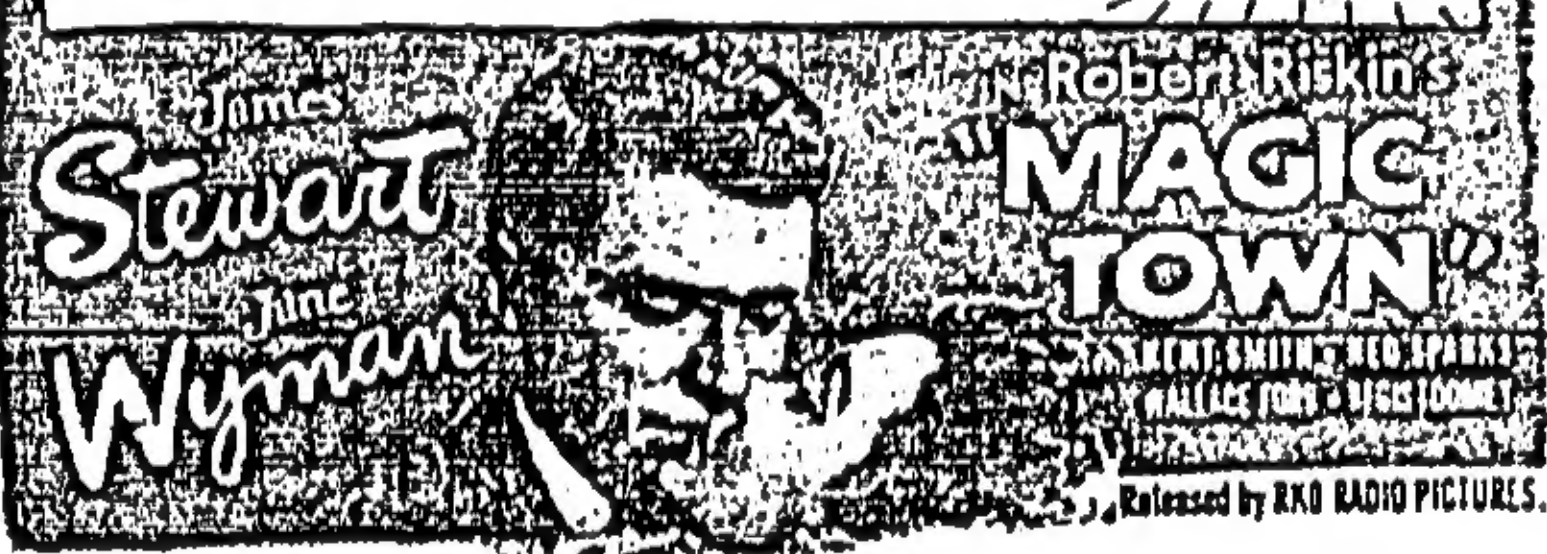
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BHOPAL.

THERE cannot be anything more troubling for a de-
mocrat than to watch the arrival of democracy with
despair.

 In India, where they shake their heads to mean yes and
have the same word for yesterday and tomorrow, it is na-
turally becoming true that the only free men are in jail.

 Here is the end of the Festival of Devali, the Nights of
the Lamps. Rows of little lights flickered along the streets
and alleys, outside every Hindu home a wick burned in a
bowl of sweet oil to Lakshmi, the Goddess of Prosperity.

 As long as the Devali lights burn no deal can fail, no
gamble can miss, no enterprise can lose. Now it is over;
all over the States you can watch the lights go out one, by
one.

 For those who like their symbolism straight, that is
India today.

 Here is the heart of the an-
cient Royal India, the great
Rajputana and Central India
bloc of princely States where
Britain never ruled.

 Jodhpur, Jaipur, Udaipur,
Bundi, Alwar, Gwalior, Bhopal,
Dewas, Indore—each one an
entity, independent and self-
contained, governed by per-
sonages who, nine times out of
ten, were only a precious
stone's throw from being gods.
Here was a "pride of princes,"
and this is the end of it.

 Every one of the rulers who
signed the instrument of ac-
cession to the Dominion of India
feared, and now knows, that
his number is up; his only hope
some sort of political future
or a country house in Sussex.
Fighting Goes On
 IN Kashmir the fighting goes
on, as it may go on for
months. In Junagadh, on the
west coast, Indian troops have
marched into what is techni-
cally part of Pakistan. They have
taken over from the ruler of
Nilgiri.

 Not far from here, all
around the borders of the
great, obstinate Residency of
Hyderabad, patrols are on the
move watching for gun-
runners, while the Nizam's
Ministers go ruefully to Delhi
in final efforts to "arrange" the
Indians out of claiming their
State.

 They will have to reckon
with one of the world's
toughest political propositions.
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
States Minister, that ironclad
party boss (remember the com-
plicated name; very soon it
may lead 300,000,000 people),
is the Danton of this New
Order, inexorably determined
to end rule from the throne.

 Already his economic sanc-
tions against the States have
pushed up their cost of living.
As one regretful prince said in
Delhi, it is poor fun being
charged your fare for a ride in
a tumbler.

 Let us not be too sad for
the princes. There are others
worse off.
Refugee column
 NOT many miles out of Delhi
on the road south they first
appeared—a group on the high-
way that became a crowd, then
a multitude, an enormous tatter-
demolition band preparing to
camp for the night.

 These were Moslems going
north—as not far away there
were Hindus going south—
stumbling up to Pakistan, for
no other reason than their
faith.

 For four miles and more I
drove through this dreadful
company, through the smell of

 a massed community living
where no provision for life has
been made, and among the
limping, knife-ribbed cattle and
scavenging dogs.

 Here and there by the road-
side a crowd of vultures
scrambled and tugged at the
carcase of a bullock or the re-
mains of a man. There were
some 30,000 in this column, one
of the last.

 They had been weeks on the
move and would be weeks more
creaking on at the plodding, un-
hastening pace of a labouring
ox-wagon. Many of them had
died, many lay dead there be-
side their listless relatives on
the ground, hundreds more
were to die.
Just silence
 BUT there was no noise, no
complaint, no tumult, just
silence and the blank, incurious
stare that makes a man in a
car, with clothes, food, and a
destination, feel uneasily like a
Nero. It was a grim and em-
bitting experience.

 Eventually the column thinned
out and was left behind. I
drove south, into the odd,
nervous peace of Rajputana.
Not for 200 miles did I see a
soldier, a policeman, an ambush,
or even another car.

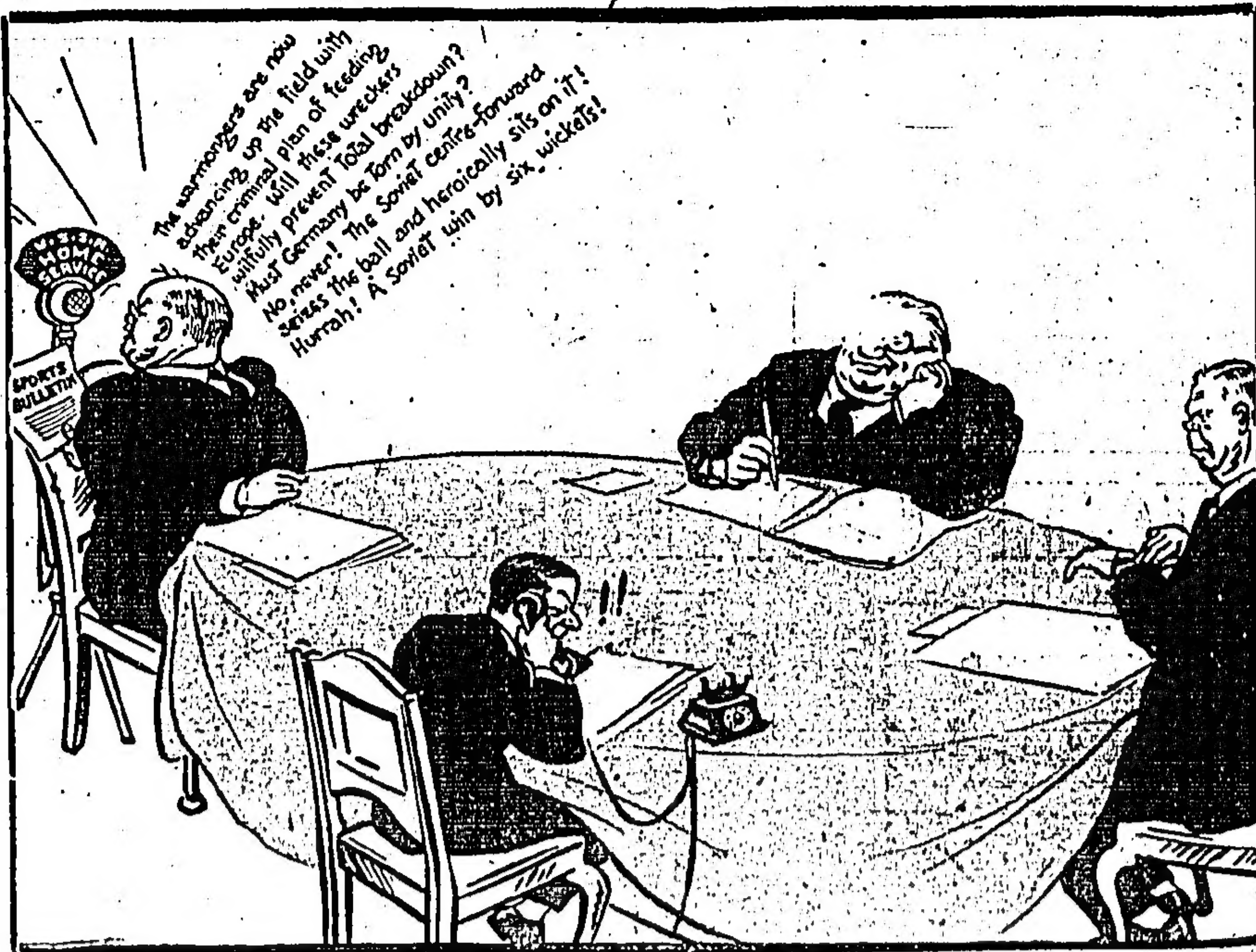
 Once or twice some strange
thing leaped and capered blindly
in the headlights—a hyena, a
jackal, a cheetah, or some cat-
like shadow with staring
emerald eyes. Once a great
porcupine clattered across the
road under the wheels.

 We began to pass road blocks
between State and State, little
Customs posts with swinging
gates and admonitions in the
Urdu and Devangari scripts.
It was like tearing across
Europe at 500 miles an hour.

 And at last a barrier like a
scene from Grimm, the entrance
to Jaipur—a pair of monstrous
bronze gates 30ft high and solid
as a mountain, closed smack

SOMEONE HASN'T GOT THE RIGHT IDEA

By LOW



THE DEMI-GODS ARE TOPPLING

**—BUT NOW the paradox must be faced that
free votes, removal of privilege, establishment
of representative government . . . everything
one values . . . will throw these States into a
dervish dance of politics and blood**

 Already India is turning on the
heat. Not a drop of petrol has
been allowed into Hyderabad for a
week. Goods are held up. For an
Indian to buy a ticket to Hyderabad
means a permit. The Nizam in
reply will not allow any Hyderabad
to take train to India.
Man of resource
 I SPENT all day with the one
Indian ruler who, more than
any other, can be called statesman-
like. The Nawab of Bhopal, a man
of initiative and resource, probably
in his day the world's greatest polo
player, sat in his modern office
smoking a tall silver hugga and
forecast his own dissolution with
charm and insight.

 He was, until his break-up,
chancellor of India's monarchical
trade union, the Chamber of
Princes.

 I remember him at Simla last
year, earnestly organising his un-
organisable group, urging on Sir
Stanford Cripps his proposal for a
third partition of India—Rajasthan,
to balance those embittered
brothers, India and Pakistan.

 He failed. This year, though he
is a Moslem ruler, he acceded to
India. Now it is a matter of very
little time before the Government
of India filters away his power.

 Now he, too, has not a drop of
petrol coming in.
Mediator
 BUT the Nawab of Bhopal is not
likely to end his days in a villa
Riverside or a house in Bath. When
the India-Pakistan crisis lurches
towards a final showdown only one
man qualifies as a mediator, the
Nawab. This he will undertake,
with the good will of Britain and
the Commonwealth. If necessary
he would abdicate.

 Nor will the Nawab deny that,
when Mr Jinnah goes, he himself
is the likeliest successor. This
man may yet be of as great signifi-
cance to the Empire as he now is
to Bhopal.
Always India
 IN a neighbouring State I was
given a cupful of precious petrol
to get to the station, threatening
past the solemn sacred cows and the
iridescent peacocks. The young
A.D.C. with me was smart and
modern, an old boy of Mayo
College and a captain. But if he
had run over either of these "holy"
creatures he would not have been
permitted to eat with his family
for many years.

 Politics are politics, but Hindu-
ism goes on for ever.

 At the station the clerk said:
"Will you take first or third class?"
When I said first he said: "But
how can you, when there is nothing
but second?" He added: "The
train is due to leave, so hasten.
But, alas! it is three hours late, so
you must wait."
As it was, is now, and shall be,
India, will always be India.

**BY THE
WAY**

by Beachcomber

EN Tienkas hay mia farruca,
Ole! Welcome to Holborn's
Civic Week, Spanish dancers
and all. If the gipsies are to
leap into their fiery Jaleo de Jere
in High Holborn, who can fore-
tell what will happen in Low
Holborn?

 And in the jota of Aragon, or the
zapateado or the seguidilla, as
danced in Southampton-row, likely
to "promote the interests of resi-
dents in civic affairs"?

 A fat lot anybody will dare for
civilians when Bloomsbury ladies
leap from their windows with roses
in their hair and daggers between
their gleaming teeth. The eastwinds,
the tacobos in the Calle de Farring-
don! Ahi de mi, Gamage!
Plaza de Russell
 I AM surprised that I have not been
asked to take a hand with the ar-
rangements for Russell-square
during the Civic Week, since I know
that country so well, owing to the
part I played in the Brunswick
square Band Festival.

 For instance, it was my idea to
get people interested in a project
for a public baths and laundry com-
bined, by hiring a choir of porters
from Euston to sing "Asleep in the
Deep," accompanied by the massed
brass bands of Cleethorpes, Beas-o-
the-Barn, Salford, Edgbaston, St.
Helens and the Great Ancoats-street
Junior Euphorbians.
Lost endeavour

(From the Egyptian of Res-Vut)

 I met a man one day
A-walking with his cat,
He had come from a grocer's shop,
To catch the wind in his hat.
He cornered the wind one day,
But his hat had a hole in the top,
And the wind escaped through the
hole.

And he went back to the shop.

Forward And Onward!
WHICK and fast as eel-spawn in
mid-February come the audacious
rallying-cries from the Suet Com-
mittee. The latest is: "You Must
Do Something About It." Who will
say now that the Government isn't
giving a lead? Get Your Teeth into
The Plough! Coal Before Caviar!
Keep Moving!
Our representatives...
ASUGGESTION has been made
that, while on holiday, small
politicians should be thrown back
into the sea. I would rather see
them all ploughed back into the
ground.
NANCY Disillusioning Nancy

By Ernie Bushmiller

Don't let this happen to you!

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Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

No need to let your face fold up, says Lois Leeds.

CONTOUR CONTROL

No woman can look beautiful if she lets her face "fold up" and lets her muscles sag. The dreadful square contour of age need not come to you if you will practise Contour Control.

If you have lost weight the face shows this at once. You must guard against propped muscles. Loose, baggy muscles will bulge and sag unless toned and tightened. The firm line of youth breaks up into soft, fatty tissue which gets ahead of you unless you are vigilant.

Your Contour Control home treatments don't take long but the results are long lasting. Both heat and cold will tone and stimulate but cold seems to tone and firm more effectively.

First, to begin your daily home treatment. Cleanse skin very thoroughly. Start from the throat and cleanse with upward strokes. Stimulate circulation by patting with a chilled mild astringent. Now pat a light layer of rich cream on your skin. Have ready a small bowl filled with ice with squares of cotton in the ice.

Fold your 4x6 cotton pads into spoon-shaped paddles. Now dip the paddle into the astringent. Start moulding firmly, from the centre of the chin, upward to the ears. Now the other side, over and over. Firm, mould, mould! Press upward along the sagging contour line. Now put a bit of ice in a tissue or thin piece

of cotton, then press and mould the contour with the ice.

With your pad, press under the eyes and on the forehead. Finish with generous patting with astringent, all over throat and face. Apply a cream or lotion powder foundation.

This Contour Control treatment WILL stimulate and tone up tired, sagging muscles, and it will break down the fatty tissue under the skin.

The Expert in the Kitchen recommends

A NIP FOR PUDDINGS

BABA AU RHUM

4oz. flour, pinch of salt, 1/4oz. yeast, 1/2 pint milk or water, 1/2 teaspoonful castor sugar, 1 egg, 1oz. margarine, 2 tablespoonfuls melted golden syrup, 1oz. currants (if liked, 2 tablespoonfuls rum or rum essence).

PREPARE a mould or several small moulds, by greasing well, and dusting out with flour. Warm the flour and salt in a basin. Cream the yeast with 1/2 teaspoonful castor sugar. Add the tepid milk and strain into a well in the centre of the flour. Cover with a cloth and stand in a warm place for 20 minutes. Beat the flour in by hand, using the beaten egg and melted margarine to mix. Add the currants and rum to the mix. Half fill the moulds and put to rise in a warm place. Bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes in small moulds; 20 minutes if in large moulds.

Serve on a hot dish, prick with a skewer, and baste thoroughly with rum syrup, made by dissolving the golden syrup in 2 tablespoonfuls of water and adding rum or essence to flavour.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

6oz. flour, 2oz. margarine or lard, 1 small teaspoonful baking powder, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, cold water to mix, 4 cooking apples, 1oz. brown sugar (or dates or raisins), 1/2 pint custard.

SIEVE the flour and salt into a basin and rub in the fat with the tips of the fingers. Add the baking powder and mix with sufficient water to form a stiff dough. Divide the pastry into four even portions, and roll out into a round about 1/2 inch thick. Peel and core the apples and place in the centre of the pastry. Fill the centre with brown sugar or dates or raisins. Wrap the pastry round the apple and work out all the cracks carefully with the fingers. Place on a baking sheet and brush over with 1 teaspoonful of sugar dissolved in 1 tablespoonful of water. Bake in a moderate oven (Regulo 6 or 400 deg. F. for 30-40 minutes).

GEORGIE RODGERS
Principal, Good Housekeeping School of Cookery.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Yes, sir, in those days we had to offer them almost as much as their old cars were worth just to get them into the showroom!"

Arabs Volunteer For Showdown With Jews

BY SAM SOUKI
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Cairo, Dec. 10.—The swarthy, middle-aged man with the flashing black eyes finished talking, unsheathed his curved dagger and sank it into his own arm. He did not wince, and only a slight contraction of his eyes betrayed the pain he felt. As the blood started spurting, he fished out a pen, dipped it into the growing red pool and started to write.

"This is my will," I volunteer as a fighter in the Arab Army for the liberation of Palestine. In the event of my death I give half my worldly belongings, lands and income from my firm in Beirut, to the leaders of this army so long as the fight for Palestine continues. The other half goes to my family to support them. I am writing and signing this with my blood, which I am ready to shed for the salvation of Arab Palestine."

The man, a middle-aged Druze with a flourishing business in Beirut,

the capital of the Lebanon, placed a handkerchief over his wound, and handed his will to Fawzi el Kawakji, former commander of the 1937 Arab revolt in Palestine, around whom volunteers are rallying.

This incident took place at Jurnah, a village nestling in the Lebanese mountains, where Kawakji is accepting volunteers for his army.

It is an illustration of the mood of the Arabs throughout the Middle East, believes Kawakji, who told this correspondent that he was daily receiving visits and letters from different parts of the Arab world from people volunteering to fight under his command in Palestine.

FROM HERE & THERE:

Au Revoir, Marga!

Milan.—Marga Hoffmann, 32, from Berlin, called at a police station in Milan, said she was Eva Braun and invited the officers to arrest two persons she had overheard "saying nasty things about Hitler." She was promptly taken to an asylum.

LION STORY

Johannesburg.—When E. C. Wilmet wounded a lion in northern Bechuanaland it sprang on top of him and tried to get at his throat. Wilmet put one arm around his neck to protect himself and pushed the other into the lion's mouth and was gripped its tongue. The lion was surprised it turned and walked away. Though badly mauled on one arm and thigh, Wilmet followed one arm and killed the lion, shooting with his one uninjured arm.

IN MINIATURE

Madrid.—The whole text of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" in two tiny booklets of 20 by 20 in two tiny booklets, has been sent to millimetres each, by a 28-year-old Princess Elizabeth, a cartographer of Salamanca. The present includes seals of the Princess and Mountbatten's coat of arms which have been used to emboss the binding of both booklets. Total weight of the booklets is eight grammes and it has taken Sanchez 18 months to finish his work.

BOIN ON THE DAY

Perth.—Mrs. John Litton, whose triplet daughters were born on November 20, has decided to call them Elizabeth, Philippa and Margaret.

HOLIDAY BECOMES LAW

Oslo.—The new "Holiday Law" has come into force in Norway. It means that all employees, apart from a few special groups, are to have three weeks holiday a year. The law applies to casual as well as regular workers, and it has been unanimously approved by the Norwegian Parliament.

HELMANN COULD LIVE

Vienna.—Hermann Schaeffer, 25-year-old weightlifter, who claims to be the strongest man in Austria, was arrested in Linz for using his strength in the wrong way. The police, who rounded up Schaeffer and four accomplices, state that he made a fortune during recent months by mounting slowly-moving goods trains and throwing off single-handed crates of foodstuffs to accomplices waiting on the line. The food was sold on the black market.

CONSCIENCE

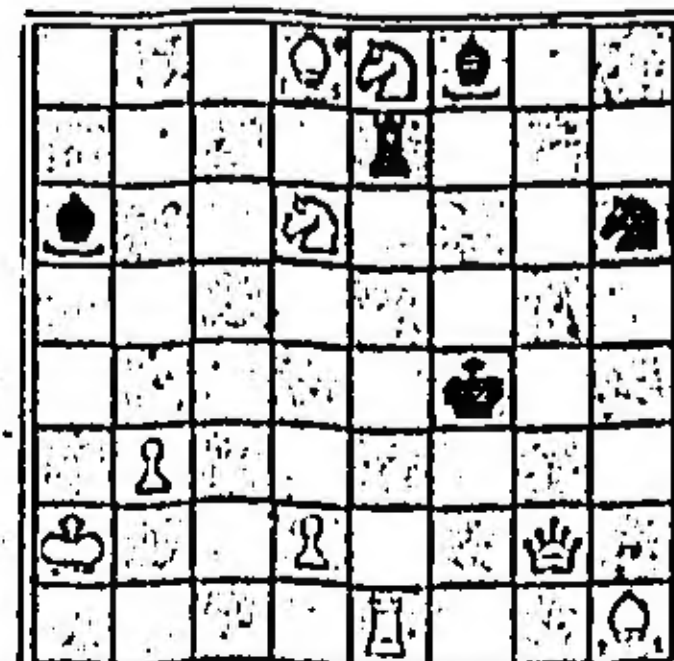
Palermo.—An Anglo-American aviator who during the war had taken part in the bombing of Palermo, visited a poor quarter in Palermo and was so impressed by the damage he had assisted in causing that he distributed on the spot Italian banknotes to the value of £300.

FREE BOOKS

New York.—John D. Rockefeller, the world's richest man, is planning to keep British schools and libraries supplied with American technical books free till there are enough dollars to buy them.

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
White to play and mate in 150.
1. P-R4; 1... P x P (c.p.).
2. K-K7 (ch); 1... P-Q8.
2... B-B3.

Volunteers For Armies

Throughout Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, every village is organising its own group of volunteers who are either recruited by El Kawakji or place themselves at the disposal of the Arab League, either to be assigned to Kawakji's guerrillas or to be included in the regular armies drawn in readiness for a showdown in Palestine.

During my recent trip to Palestine, Syria and Lebanon it was evident that, with or without the blessings of the governments the Arab masses were girding their loins and oiling their guns for war.

Every Arab villager in these countries has a rifle hidden in his hut, and quite a few have acquired tommy guns. The majority of these people cannot read or write, but the word has gone round, spreading like wildfire, that Palestine was in danger and that the moment had come to prepare for war.

May Strike Soon

This call to arms and the fiery speeches of such recognised leaders as Fawzi el Kawakji, Grand Mufti Haj Amin el Husseini and the local leaders, each of whom heads a village or a group of villages, have fired the enthusiasm of the masses.

Everywhere you go there is talk of war for Palestine. There are mass meetings, recruiting centres, preparations for training, and plunders between tribal sheikhs, city folk and village chieftains.

There are persistent rumours that some of these groups may even strike in the near future without waiting for any decisions from either the Arab League or the official governments. There is talk of guerrilla fighters infiltrating into Palestine and carrying out demolition work and raids similar to the Jewish underground to show world opinion that the Arabs are as capable as the Jews in the use of force as an argument.—United Press.

CATERING FOR CATERERS

Britain's Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Exhibition, last held in 1937, is to be revived at Olympia, London, from January 16 to 24, 1948.

It is being held under the joint auspices of the Hotels and Restaurants Association, the Residential Hotels Associations, the Caterers' Association, the Restaurant and Catering Association, the Industrial Catering Association, the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild, and the Catering Trades Education Committee.

Association conferences and meetings will be an important sideline to the Exhibition, and tentative arrangements have already been made for a large number of lectures and demonstrations.

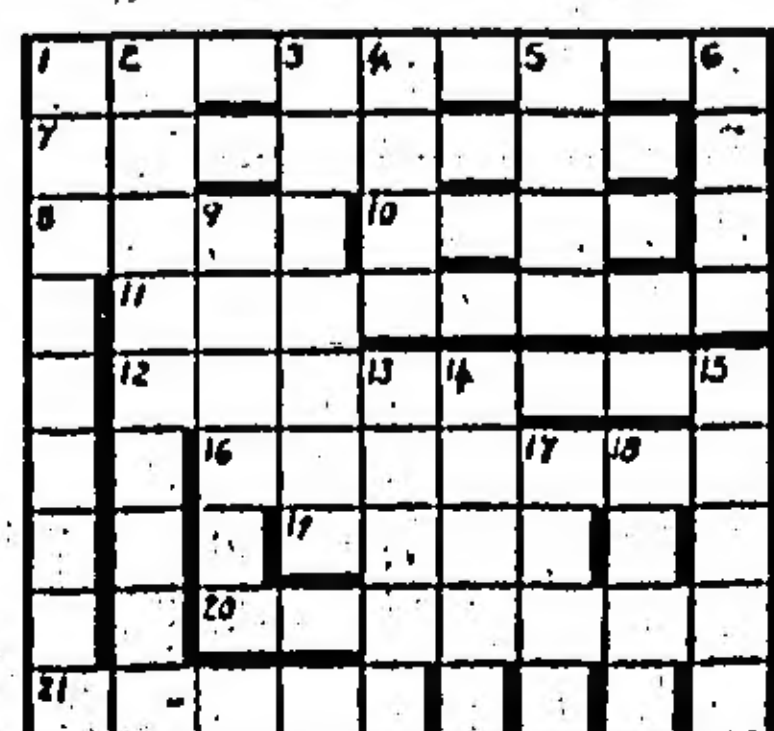
Rupert and the Three Guides—45



Rupert and the three Guides are too breathless to speak when they first reach Constable Growler, and he frowns while he waits to hear their business. But his expression soon changes when Rupert is able to tell his wonderful story and when the Guides hand him the three handkerchiefs filled with jewels. "It's almost unbelievable," says the constable. "No wonder! I couldn't find any clues when they were on this cliff but dozens of them, and all tiny ones!"

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Where man got tomato mixed. (9)
2. The word drove the statement wrong. (9)
3. You are likely to find him on the likely one. (4)
4. Louis Bromfield chronicled. (4)

Down
1. Change to a faster T.N. (6)
2. By mob law they suffer for the (6)
3. Do ahead for the loan. (7)
4. Tascos the rasc. (11. Last up. (6)
5. Christen. (7)
6. This is usually in book form and (6)
7. Informal movement upsets the (6)
8. The messenger boy's task. (7)
9. A short forenoon. (4)
10. This sort of list according to Shakespeare. (6)
11. Cure has a tart look about it. (4)
12. Decorative. (6)
13. Make trifling objections. (6)
14. Tascos a tapering music. (6)
15. Catches. (4)
16. Closed quarters for a sentence (4)

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